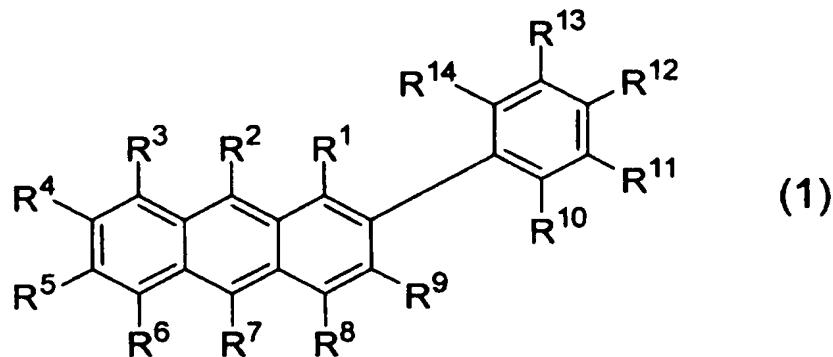


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An aromatic compound represented by ~~a~~the following general formula (1):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>14</sup> each independently represents any one selected from ~~a~~the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group having 2 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group having 3 to 40 carbon atoms;

at least one of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>9</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms; and

at least one of R<sup>10</sup> or R<sup>14</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms.

Claim 2 (Original): The aromatic compound according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A luminescent organic solution which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 1.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): A material for an organic electroluminescence device which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 1.

Claim 5 (Original): An organic electroluminescence device which comprises at least one organic thin film layer comprising a light emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes consisting of an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for the organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 4.

Claim 6 (Original): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 5, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises an arylamine compound.

Claim 7 (Original): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 5, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises a styrylamine compound.

Claim 8 (New): The aromatic compound according to Claim 1, wherein each of R<sup>2</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> independently represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 6 to 40 carbon atoms.

Claim 9 (New): The aromatic compound according to Claim 1, wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>14</sup> independently represents:

a hydrogen atom;

a halogen atom selected from the group consisting of a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom and an iodine atom;

an alkyl group selected from the group consisting of a methyl group, an ethyl group, a 1-propyl group, a 2-propyl group, a 1-butyl group, a 2-butyl group, a sec-butyl group, a tert-butyl group, a pentyl group, a hexyl group, an octyl group, a decyl group, a dodecyl group, a 2-ethylhexyl group, a 3,7-dimethyl octyl group, a cyclopropyl group, a cyclopentyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a 1-adamanthyl group, a 2-adamanthyl group, a norbornyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trichloromethyl group, a benzyl group, an  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl group, a 2-phenylethyl group and a 1-phenylethyl group;

an alkenyl group selected from the group consisting of a vinyl group, a propenyl group, a butenyl group, an oleyl group, an eicosapentaenyl group, a docosahexaenyl group, a 2,2-diphenylvinyl group, a 1,2,2-triphenyl vinyl group and a 2-phenyl-2-propenyl group;

an alkynyl group selected from the group consisting of an ethynyl group, a methylethynyl group and a phenylethynyl;

an alkoxy group selected from the group consisting of a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a 1-propyloxy group, a 2-propyloxy group, a 1-butyloxy group, a 2-butyloxy group, a sec-butyloxy group, a tert-butyloxy group, a pentyloxy group, a hexyloxy group, an octyloxy group, a decyloxy group, a dodecyloxy group, a 2-ethylhexyloxy group, a 3,7-dimethyloctyloxy group, a cyclopropyloxy group, a cyclopentyloxy group, a cyclohexyloxy group, a 1-adamanthyloxy group, a 2-adamanthyloxy group, a norbornyloxy group, a

trifluoro methoxy group, a benzyloxy group, an  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyloxy group, a 2-phenylethoxy group, a 1-phenylethoxy group, a phenoxy group; an aryl group selected from the group consisting of a phenyl group, a 2-biphenyl group, a 3-biphenyl group, a 4-biphenyl group, a terphenyl group, a 3,5-diphenylphenyl group, a 3,4-diphenylphenyl group, a pentaphenylphenyl group, a 4-(2,2-diphenylvinyl)phenyl group, a 4-(1,2,2-triphenylvinyl)phenyl group, a fluorenyl group, a 1-naphthyl group, a 2-naphthyl group, a 9-anthryl group, a 2-anthryl group, a 9-phenanthryl group, a 1-pyrenyl group, a crycetyl group, a naphthacetyl group and a coronyl group; or a heteroaryl group selected from the group consisting of furan, thiophene, pyrrole, imidazole, pyrazole, triazole, oxadi azole, pyridine, pyrazine, triazine, benzofuran, dibenzofuran, benzothiophene, dibenzothiophene and carbazole.

Claim 10 (New): A luminescent organic solution which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 2.

Claim 11 (New): A material for an organic electroluminescence device which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 2.

Claim 12 (New): An organic electroluminescence device which comprises at least one organic thin film layer comprising a light emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes consisting of an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for the organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 11.

Claim 13 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 12, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises an arylamine compound.

Claim 14 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 12, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises a styrylamine compound.

Claim 15 (New): A luminescent organic solution which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 7.

Claim 16 (New): A material for an organic electroluminescence device which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 7.

Claim 17 (New): An organic electroluminescence device which comprises at least one organic thin film layer comprising a light emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes consisting of an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for the organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 16.

Claim 18 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 17, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises an arylamine compound.

Claim 19 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 17, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises a styrylamine compound.

Claim 20 (New): A luminescent organic solution which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 8.

Claim 21 (New): A material for an organic electroluminescence device which comprises the aromatic compound according to Claim 8.

Claim 22 (New): An organic electroluminescence device which comprises at least one organic thin film layer comprising a light emitting layer sandwiched between a pair of electrodes consisting of an anode and a cathode, wherein at least one of the organic thin film layer comprises the material for the organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 21.

Claim 23 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 22, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises an arylamine compound.

Claim 24 (New): The organic electroluminescence device according to Claim 22, wherein the light emitting layer further comprises a styrylamine compound.